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- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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- iv. ☒ PTO Form 1449 with references

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